

**Town of La Pointe Zoning  
Town Plan Commission Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2013**

**Town Plan Commission (TPC) Members Present:** Charles Brummer, Vice-Chair, Suellen Soucek, Joan Martin, Carey Baxter, Greg Thury (5).

**Town Plan Commission members absent:** Ted Pallas, Larry Whalen (2).

**Public Present:** Dave Thomas, Paul Brummer, Mike Starck (3).

**Town Staff Members Present:** J. Croonborg-Murphy, Zoning Administrator (arrives at 5:30 pm), Margaretta Kusch, ZCA (2).

**I. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Vice Chair Brummer called the Meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the La Pointe Town Hall. Roll call reflected members present or absent as recorded above.

**II. Public Comment**

None.

**III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- **Town Plan Commission Special Monthly Meeting, March 6, 2013.**

- “G. Thury” appears twice in “Town Plan Commission Members Present.” Remove extra.
  - Correct Roman numerals for agenda items (IV appears twice).

G. Thury moves to approve the Town Plan Commission Special Monthly Meeting minutes of March 6, 2013, as amended. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor, 4 aye, 1 abstain (S. Soucek). Motion carries.

**IV. Zoning Administrator’s Report**

On file.

**V. Consideration and/or Action of Permit Applications**

- **Bell St. Properties Block 36 751 Bell St, LP #014-00437-0000. Certified Survey Map: dividing one lot into two.**

C. Brummer moves to recommend to the Town Board approval of the Bell St. Properties Block 36 751 Bell St, LP #014-00437-0000 Certified Survey Map contingent upon Town Zoning Administrator and Ashland County review. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor, 5 aye. Motion carries.

**VI. New Business**

None.

**VII. Old Business**

- **Comprehensive Plan Review**

- **Discuss community survey questions**

The survey that Ashland County distributed in 2003 prior to the County-wide Smart Growth process had been edited by the Town Plan Commission in February. The draft is further edited and discussed (a copy is attached to these minutes).

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The Town Plan Commission decided on the following questions for the draft survey as a starting point:

1. *According to the last census, the population has grown by 6.09% or 15 people. [?] new housing units have been built in the last decade. Compared to the last decade, how should your community grow in the future?*

2. *What type of new growth, if any, do you wish to see occur in your community (check all that apply).*

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> None                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial              | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Service                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Production | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Metallic Mining     | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Based Business     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Energy      | <input type="checkbox"/> Harbor                  |

3. *In your opinion is there currently a need for any of the following housing types in your community? (check all that apply)*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family (renter & owner occupied)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee Housing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Family Dwellings (3 to 4 units) | <input type="checkbox"/> Condominiums     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Residences                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted Living  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Homes                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Homes     |

4. *What do you think the minimum, non-subdivision, size of residential lots should be?*

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9,600 square ft.  | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 acres           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30,000 square ft. | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 acres          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 acre            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 acres and over |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 acres           |  |

5. *Do you believe existing land use regulatory controls are sufficient to achieve your vision of your community's future?*

6. *Do you believe your community should plan for adopting any of these additional methods of growth management?*

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Erosion Control            | <input type="checkbox"/> Design Review                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase of Easements              | <input type="checkbox"/> Development of Impact Fees     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Density Standards                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Shoreland Zoning Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic and Cultural Preservation |   |

7. *Do residents have an adequate opportunity to express their opinions on issues?*

8. *Please rate the following services, with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important.*

*Police protection*

*Fire protection*

*EMS (Emergency Medical Service)*

*Trash collection*

*Recycling*

*Sanitary District*

*Storm water*

*Snow removal*

*Road repairs and maintenance*

*Library services*

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*Traffic enforcement*  
*Planning and zoning*  
*School district*  
*Communication with residents*  
*Recreation for youth*  
*Recreation for adults*  
*Recreation for the elderly*  
*Town Administration*  
*Parking*  
*Parks Maintenance*

9. *Should the Town take a leadership role in providing more affordable housing?*

10. *Would you like to see La Pointe develop a more year-round economy?*

11. *How do you feel about La Pointe as a place*  
*to live*  
*to work*

12. *Over the last ten years, the quality of life in La Pointe has*  
☐ *improved*                      ☐ *stayed the same*                      ☐ *declined*

13. *From the following list, rank the importance of the Town's efforts and services provided to La Pointe, with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important.*

*Promote tourism*  
*Promote economic diversification*  
*Expand Health Service*  
*Protect water quality*  
*Protect open spaces*  
*Enforce existing ordinances*  
*Improve the transportation system*  
*Work cooperatively with local governments and tribes*  
*Promote a local food system*

14. *If you could introduce one type of business into the Town of La Pointe, what would it be?*

15. [insert a yet to be drafted quality of life question here]

16. *What is your age?*

17. *Are you a:*  
☐ *Seasonal Resident*                      ☐ *Year-round resident*                      ☐ *Vacation home only*

18. *If not already, do you plan on becoming a year-round resident?*

19. *Do you own property on the island?*

The survey will be re-drafted and further discussed/edited at the next meeting.

- **Public Participation Plan draft**
- **2013 tentative schedule**

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It's agreed that these should be discussed with the Town Board at the upcoming Joint Meeting.

- **Board of Appeals text change language**  
Not discussed.

**VIII. Future Agenda Items**

- **Comprehensive Plan Review**
- **Board of Appeals text change language**

**IX. Schedule Future Meetings**

- Next Special Monthly Meeting to be held Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at 4:30 pm.

**X. Adjournment**

G. Thury moves to adjourn. C. Baxter seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries. Meeting ends at 6:40 pm.

**Town Plan Commission minutes respectfully submitted by Margaretta Kusch, ZCA on Sunday, March 24, 2013.**

**Town Plan Commission minutes approved as amended on Friday, April 05, 2013.**